



PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL

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PVHS
Incoming 9th Grade
Parent Night



This Evening's Agenda...

- The PVHS Counseling Department
- Graduation Requirements
- Academic Planning Guide and Course Description Handbook
- College Entrance Requirements
- 9th grade scheduling
- PVHS Academic Programs



The Counseling Department at PVHS

Students are assigned to a counselor alphabetically by last name.

The Whole-Child Approach: Aligned with National Counseling Model with emphasis in the areas of academics, personal/social development and college and career.

Programs and Services include:

- Academic counseling and planning
- College information and planning
- Personal and Social counseling
- Support Groups
- Grade Level Conferences
- College and Career Center
 - Information and Resource Center, SAT & ACT information, Naviance, College Visits, Financial Aid and Scholarship Information
- Academic and College Information Presentations
 - Junior and Senior Family Night, College Admissions Testing, Financial Aid, SCROC, Essay Night, CA Public College night
- Parent awareness evenings w/ discussion topics such as:
 - Drug/alcohol use, Teens and the law, Nutrition and body image, Parenting your teen

The Basics...

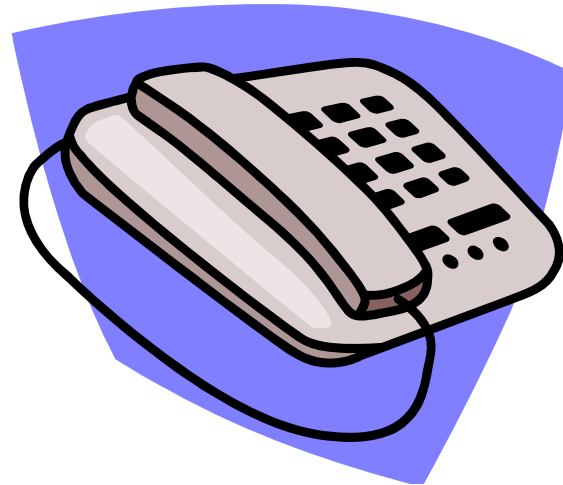
- **School starts daily at 8:00 am**
- **School ends at 2:50 pm**
- **Zero Period meets daily at 7:00 am to 7:55**
- **The Block Schedule**
 - **A-days and B-days**



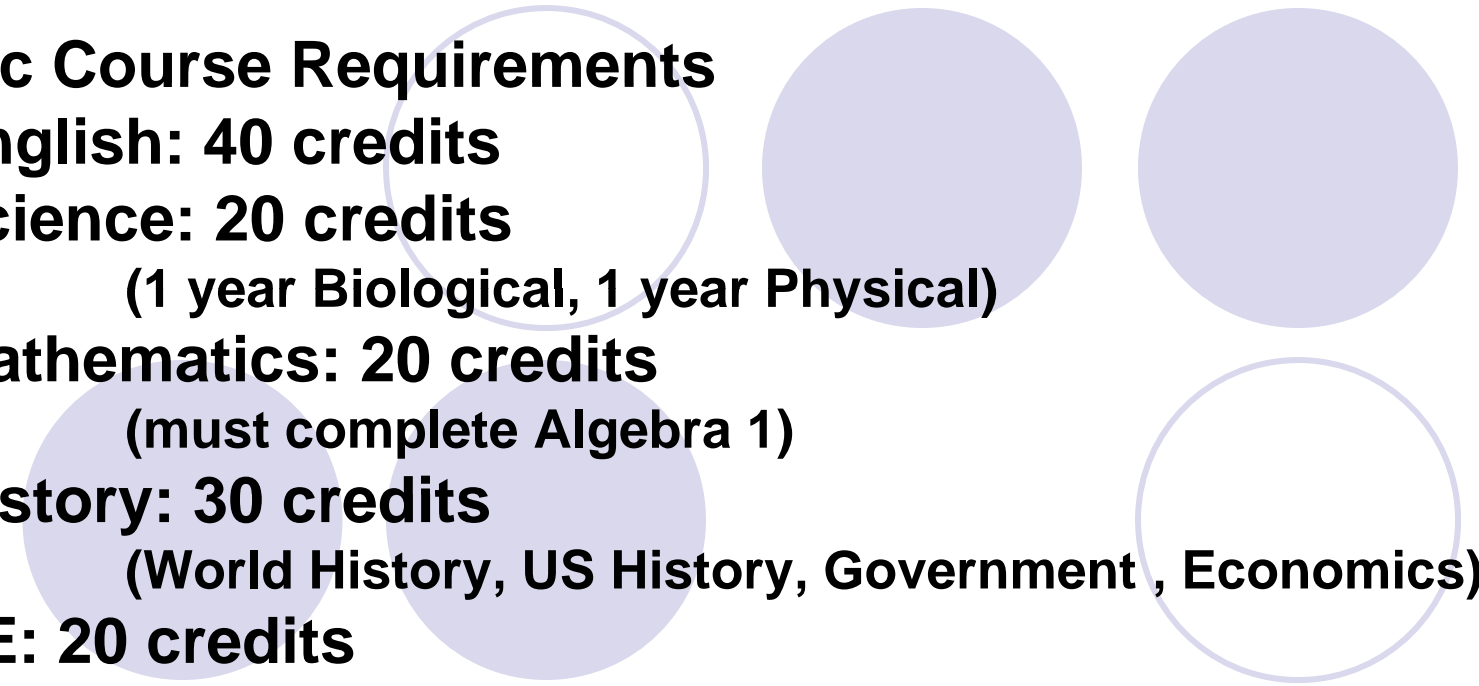
Communication is the key...

- Principal's weekly update
- Edline
- E-mail
- The Wave
- Voicemail
- Naviance
- Website www.pvhigh.com

all teachers & staff are available via e-mail and voicemail



High School Graduation Requirements

- **220 credits** (each semester is equal to 5 credits)
 - **Specific Course Requirements**
 - English: 40 credits**
 - Science: 20 credits**
(1 year Biological, 1 year Physical)
 - Mathematics: 20 credits**
(must complete Algebra 1)
 - History: 30 credits**
(World History, US History, Government, Economics)
 - PE: 20 credits**
 - Fine/Practical Arts/Foreign Language: 20 credits**
 - Electives: 70 credits**
(Any class above and beyond the subject requirements)
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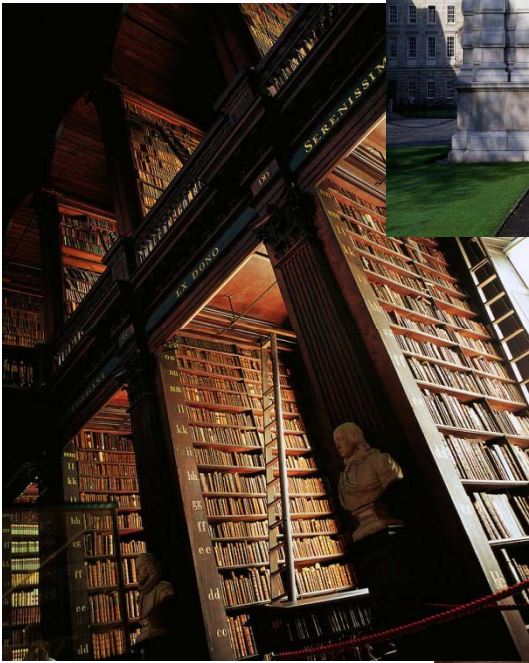
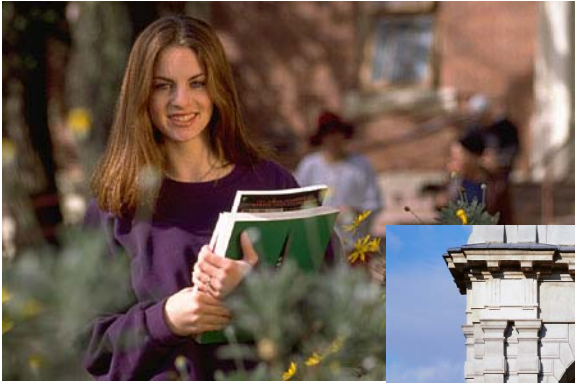
Graduation Subject Requirements vs. College Subject Requirements

Subject	PVHS	CSU (A-G courses)	UC (A-G courses)	Selective Colleges
English	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Math	2 Years	3 Year required/ 4 Years Rec.	3 Year required/ 4 Years Rec.	4 Years
History/Social Science	3 Years	2 Years	2 Years	4 Years
Science	1 Yr Biological 1 Yr Physical	2 Years	2 Yrs required 3 yrs. Rec.	4 Years
Foreign Language	0-1 Year	2 Years	2 Yrs. Required 3 Yrs. Rec..	4 Years
Fine Art	0-1 Year	1 Year	1 Year	
Elective		1 Year	1 Year	

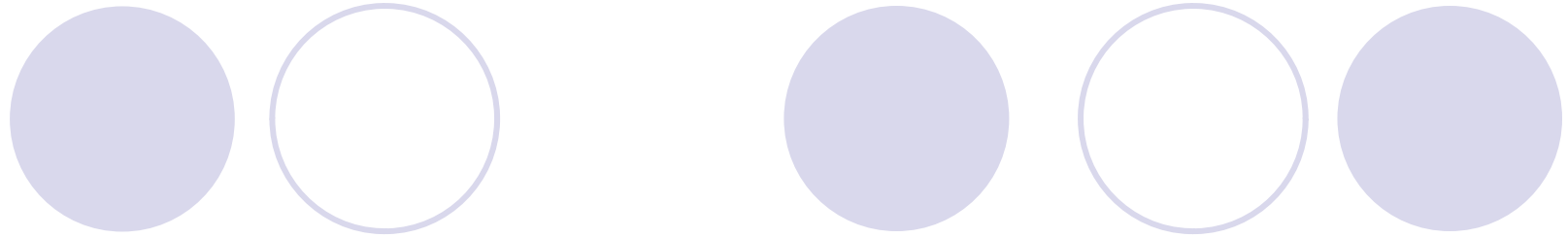
What Colleges Look For?



- 4 years of 5 solids
- Excellent grades, avoid C or lower.
- Go beyond minimum A- G courses
- Well-Rounded Student—Activities and community service.
- College Admissions Testing (SAT/ACT)
- Commitment rather than involvement



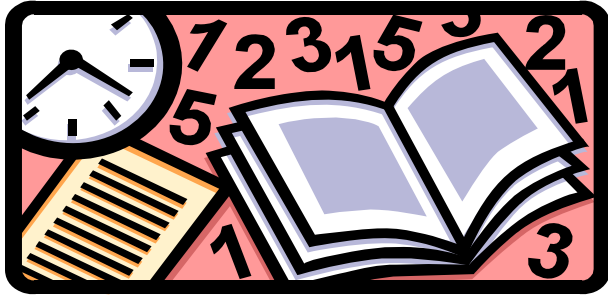
COLLEGE...
It's all about
finding the
right
match!



- Academic Programs
- Special Interest Programs
 - Athletics
- Clubs and Activities

Honors and Advanced Placement Classes

- What's the difference
 - Honors = Accelerated High School Instruction
 - extended content and additional workload
 - AP = College Equivalent Instruction
 - achieve the quality of work ordinarily required of college freshmen
 - AP is the most rigorous course of study
- Impact on the transcript
 - Both Honors and AP classes are weighted equally on the HS transcript



Math Pathways for Success

- A strong foundation in a course is critical to success in subsequent course work.
- A teacher recommendation is the best predictor of student success .
- No acceleration between 8th and 9th grade.
- Refer to Math Pathways for Success Handout

Foreign Language

- **Mandarin Chinese** (Level 1 – 4 AP Language)
- **Spanish** (Level 1 – 5 AP Literature)
- **French** (Level 1 – 4 AP Language)

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Palos Verdes International Diploma: PVID

The PVID program provides an unique opportunity for students to gain additional international education while working towards a supplementary certification that will appear on their diploma

- **Emphasis on humanities coursework and research on international topics**
- **Four year scope and sequence for courses**
- **Opportunity to gain expertise in the areas of international culture, history, language, economics, politics and geography**



Palos Verdes Institute of Technology (PVIT)

- Opportunity for students to experience hands on learning in the areas of **engineering** and **robotics**
- Scope & sequence of courses offered throughout 4 years of high school
- Course available for freshman students paired with physics
 - Introduction to Engineering
- UC/CSU area “G” elective
- Scientific research elective also available

Clubs and Activities

NHS

Mock Trial

JSA

CSF

Academic Decathlon

Model United Nations

Over 100 clubs are offered

Habitat for Humanity

– Academic Clubs

Amnesty International

– Social Clubs

Debate

– Community Service Clubs

Film Making Club

Science Olympiad

Key Club

ASB

Honors Societies

Math Club

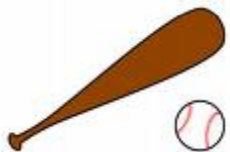
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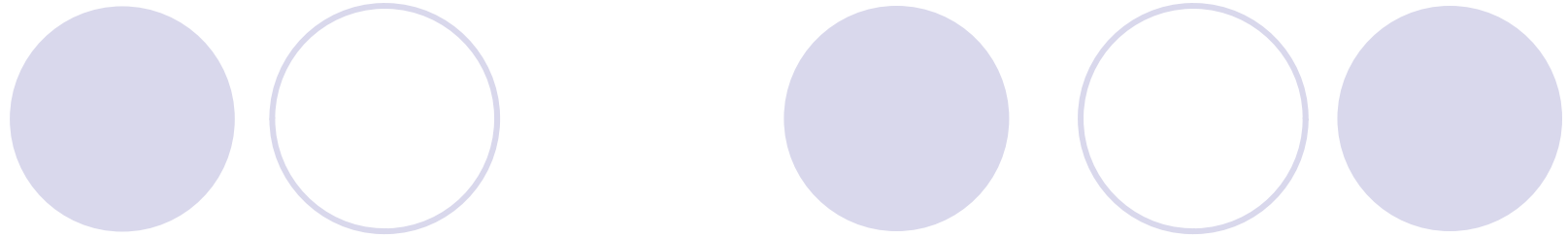
Green Club



Sports Program

- A sport is considered your student's PE class.
- Sports are scheduled at the last period of the school day.
- PVHS has high expectations of a student athlete.
- Students are responsible for checking in with teachers when missing class for a game.
- Summer Program information available at www.pvhigh.com





- **Course Selection and Planning**
 - **The Scheduling Process**
 - **Events and Dates**



Steps in Developing a Four Year Plan

In developing a four-year plan, it is recommended that the student:

- Review graduation requirements.
- Become familiar with college requirements
- Remember that one of the most important factors in determining college admission eligibility is the pattern of college preparatory course work taken in high school.
- Keep in mind that a strong pattern of course work is especially important for students planning entry into the more selective colleges and universities and/or competitive majors.

Developing a Four-Year Plan: Sample

Freshman Year

Sample #1

1st Semester

- (1) English 1
- (2) Geometry Honors
- (3) Biology
- (4) Chinese 1
- (5) Ceramics
- (6) PE or Sports

2nd Semester

- (1) English 1
- (2) Geometry Honors
- (3) Biology
- (4) Chinese 1
- (5) Ceramics
- (6) PE or Sports

Sample #2

Summer Session

Drawing and Painting

1st Semester

- (1) English 1 Honors Block
- (2) Geometry
- (3) Biology
- (4) Spanish 2
- (5) World History Honors Block
- (6) PE or Sports

2nd Semester

- (1) English 1 Honors Block
- (2) Geometry
- (3) Biology
- (4) Spanish 2
- (5) World History Honors Block
- (6) PE or Sports

Sophomore Year

Sample #1

1st Semester

- (1) English 2**
- (2) Algebra 2 Honors**
- (3) Chemistry**
- (4) Chinese 2**
- (5) World History**
- (6) PE or Sports**

Developing a Four-Year Plan: Sample

2nd Semester

- (1) English 2**
- (2) Algebra 2 Honors**
- (3) Chemistry**
- (4) Chinese 2**
- (5) World History**
- (6) PE or Sports**

Sample #2

Summer Session: (1) Psychology

1st Semester

- (1) English 2 Honors Block**
- (2) Algebra 2**
- (3) Chemistry**
- (4) Spanish 3 Honors**
- (5) EHAP Block**
- (6) PE or Sports**

2nd Semester

- (1) English 2 Honors Block**
- (2) Algebra 2**
- (3) Chemistry**
- (4) Spanish 3 Honors**
- (5) EHAP Block**
- (6) PE or Sports**



Student Presentations by PVHS Counselor

- **Group presentation to students during social studies classes**
- **Overview of PVHS programs and classes**
- **What to expect as a high school freshman**
- **Receive and review course scheduling sheet**

Student Presentation Dates:

- **PVIS: Tuesday, March 22nd**
- **MIS: Wednesday, March 23rd**
- **RIS: Thursday, March 24th**

9th grade course scheduling sheet

- **Refer to teacher recommendations and course prerequisites to choose appropriate classes**
- **Six classes are required for freshman**
- **Complete the scheduling sheet**



Freshman Course Selection...

English 1 *

Math*

Biology #

Foreign Language*

PE/ Sport

Plus one of the following:

- **Fine Art**
- **World History Honors/AP #**
- **PVIT Elective (Into to Engineering Design)**
- **AVID#**

Your student's current teachers will make recommendations for their classes. This information is mailed home to you by your intermediate school.

***Based on current teacher recommendation**

#Based on district prerequisite



Scheduling Sheet Pick-Up

- **PVHS counselors meet with students individually to review course scheduling sheets.**
- **Great opportunity for your student to ask any remaining questions.**

Pick-up Dates

- **RIS: Tuesday, April 12th**
- **MIS: Wednesday, April 13th**
- **PVIS: Thursday, April 14th**

Why Zero Period?



- Held Every Day from 7:00 am – 7:55 am
- Reasons 9th grade students choose zero period:
 - Extra-curricular commitments
 - Athletics
 - Seven classes
 - Daily Instruction in a particular subject



Private School Students

- **Private School Enrollment Days:**

- **March 25th and March 28th**

- from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

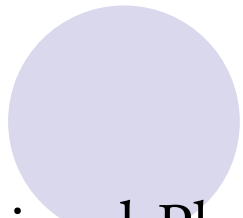
- **Scheduling sheets will be mailed home to you**

- **Bring a copy of your student's official transcript and the completed scheduling sheet**

- **Your student will meet with a counselor to review the scheduling sheet after your family has enrolled with the registrar**



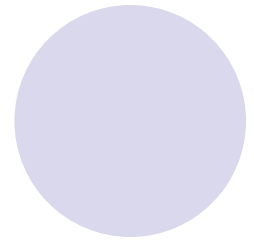
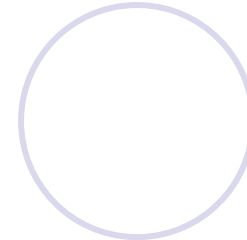
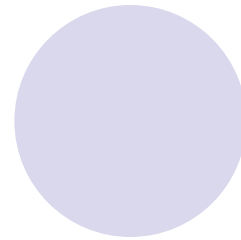
- Course Description Booklet
 - Academic Planning Guide
- College Counseling Guidebook
 - Summer School
 - Registration Day
- Freshman Parent Presentation
 - PVHS Website



Educational Planning Guide

College Planning Guide

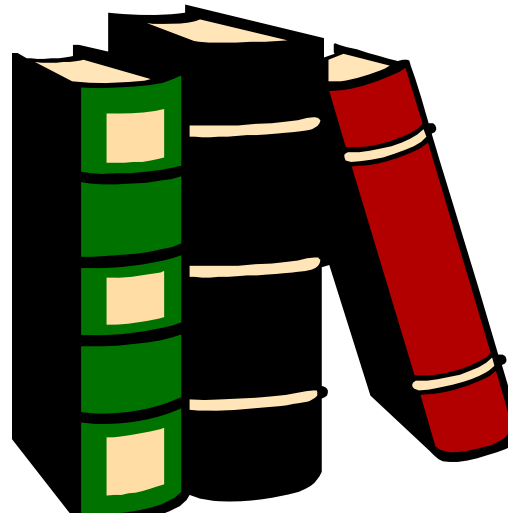
Course Description Booklet



Available at www.pvhigh.com

Under Counseling

Section





Important Dates to Remember

-- **Summer School Registration**

Information available at pvps.com

Summer school dates:

June 15- July 6 – first semester

July 7 – July 27 – second semester

Possible Freshman Classes:

Fine Art class, Biology, Electives



Important Dates to Remember

Late August:

--Registration Day

(information packet will be mailed home)

Students turn in registration packet, receive schedule and student identification card

--Parent Presentation:



What Every Freshman Parent Should Know

Presentation by:

Dr. Greg Allen, Freedom4U

PVHS Counseling Department

For More Information About Palos Verdes High School www.pvhigh.com

 <p>Palos Verdes High School 600 Cloyden Road Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274 310-378-8471 CEEB Code: 052358</p>		 <p>Booster Club's Annual Catch The Wave event "Cabo Cabana" Saturday February 27 @ PV County Club ...more info</p>
<p>Home - School Info - Staff - Academics - Counseling - CCC - Student Life - Athletics - Parents</p>		
<p>Quick Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Bulletin Principal's Weekly Update Bell Schedule A/B Schedule Calendar Future Sea Kings Pathways for Change NAVIANCE Live From 205 ED-LINE Library Booster Club PTSA The Wave Newsletter The Point 	<p>News & Announcements</p> <p>Principal's Weekly Update</p> <p>We will finish finals today and school will once again be out at 12:10. Perhaps the weather worked in our favor and I hope all your kids did well on their finals. The 2nd semester starts Monday....more</p> <p>Attention 8th Graders: Are you interested in PVHS? Come to Shadow Day and see what PVHS is all about! Please email Kristen Huber at Huberk@pvpusd.k12.ca.us to reserve your spot. There are 75 open spots per day. When emailing please indicate the name of the student and the current school they attend.</p> <p>Shadow Day January 25 2009 8:30am -12pm at PVHS - Lunch is provided Registration Deadline - January 17th</p> <p>More info for Future Sea Kings...</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Full Month Calendar</p> <p>Today ◀ ▶ Sunday, January 24 ▼ Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, January 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00pm Youth Orchestra Meet & Greet Monday, January 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Shadow Day 3:00pm Girls Water Polo Tuesday, January 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15am PTSA General Meeting 10:00am Arizona State University visit 10:30am Arizona State University School of 3:00pm Boys Soccer vs Mira Costa 3:00pm Boys Soccer vs Mira Costa 3:00pm Girls Soccer vs Mira Costa 5:30pm Sophomore Parent Night/ PLAN G



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